

FEBRUARY 13, 2012

Virginia: At a regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Chatham, held in the Chatham Fire Station at 7:00 PM on February 13, 2012.

Present: Joseph H. Rogers, Mayor

Robert B. Thompson, Vice Mayor

Council Members: Janet R. Bishop, William P. Black, Roy P. Byrd, and Andrew D. Wall. Absent: Alvin Crider.

Attorney: Larry Gott.

The invocation was led by Mayor Rogers and the pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman Wall.

Council on motion of Byrd and seconded by Black approved the agenda as presented.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Bishop, Black, Byrd, Thompson, and Wall.

Mayor Rogers recognized in attendance Boy Scout Troop 68 from Hargrave Military Academy. Their presence was a requirement for two merit badges.

Town Manager Edmund Giles informed council that he and the Water & Sewer Committee had met with Chatham/Blairs Supervisor Brenda Bowman to discuss future service needs for this area.

On the issue of conversion to the new emergency radio system, he said that Pittsylvania County will purchase one mobile radio and one vehicle radio for the town police department. The balance of the cost is at town expense. Giles said that he would be looking for any grants that may be available to help defray that expense.

The consent agenda was approved by council on a motion by Byrd seconded by Wall.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Wall, Thompson, Byrd, Black, and Bishop.

On a motion by Byrd seconded by Thompson council approved a \$6,870.00 expense to repair a sewer line break off of Rt. 57W near the old Royster/Clark building.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Black, Wall, Byrd, Thompson, and Bishop.

On a motion by Thompson seconded by Black council approved the purchase of two water pump gear boxes in the amount of \$7,011.00 each.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Thompson, Bishop, Byrd, Wall, and Black.

Council discussed, without resolution, the issue of a derelict property ordinance. Attorney Gott said that the town does not, at this time, have the expertise to determine what would be considered derelict. Councilman Black requested an Ordinance Committee meeting on the matter prior to the next council meeting.

Councilman Black informed council that the Pitts. Co, Board of Supervisors recently denied a bid from developers to purchase and convert the old Chatham Elementary School into high end apartments and condos.

On a motion by Thompson seconded by Black council approved the painting of the approach signs into the town.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Byrd, Bishop, Wall, Black, and Thompson.

Council Clerk David Cothran notified council that three council positions and the mayoral position are up for election on November 6, 2012. The deadline for filing with the registrar is 7:00 PM on June 12, 2012.

Mayor Joe Rogers informed council that action must be taken for new appointments to the town zoning board. He asked for nominations in the near future.

Mayor Rogers said that dam safety training for water plant employees and council members is complete. Councilwoman Bishop stated that she had learned much about the town water system from the dam training.

Having no further business council was adjourned.

Mayor